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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"As I have just now said, the Government have already furnished answers to a number of questions on this subject, and I need not add anything to them."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I then ask Government what they mean by saying 'no' in answer to this question on paper, while an answer is promised to these questions later on?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"This is only a statement of fact."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Is the Gandhi-Irwin Pact in force in this province or not at present?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"As hon. Members know, it is in force."

Government Press

Supersession of the claims of seniors in making promotions to the posts of Type Store-keeper and Overseer, Government Press.

* 227 *Q.*—Mr. C. BASU DEV: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the matter of promotions to the posts of Type Store-keeper and Overseer in the Government Press, Mint Buildings, Madras, on Rs. 100—5—150 and Rs. 150—5—200, respectively, the claims of senior men were overlooked; if so, why; and

(*b*) what are the duties of the Type Store-keeper in the Government Press, Mint Buildings, and what is the reason for the great disparity in scales of pay between Mount Road man and Mint Buildings man, Rs. 30—2—60 and Rs. 100—5—150?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) The duties of the type-store-keeper in the Government Press at Mint Buildings are

(1) to be in charge of the type-store and to do all duties connected with it,

(2) to issue unserviceable types, leads, etc., to the foundry and to examine, weigh and receive all types cast in the foundry,

(3) to be in charge of moulds, matrices and punches,

(4) to be in charge of the press and machine departments in the temporary absence of the overseer, and

(5) to be in charge of the library of books on technical subjects maintained in the press at Mint Buildings for the use of the employees.

The type-store work at Mount Road press is only about half of that in the press at Mint Buildings and the type-store-keeper at the Mount Road press has not to attend to the duties mentioned in items (2) to (5) above. The difference in pay referred to is thus accounted for by the difference in work and responsibility of the two posts.

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Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" May I know whether Government will be pleased to call for information in regard to clause (*a*) of the question?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:— " There is no necessity to call for the information. If a Government servant has been superseded, he has always got the right of appeal."

Duties of the Publication Assistant, Government Press.

* 228 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the duties of the Publication Assistant on Rs. 200—10—250 in the Government Press, Madras; and

(*b*) what are the duties of the Head Clerk on Rs. 125—5—175?

A.—(*a*) The Publication Assistant is practically a Personal Assistant to the Superintendent, Government Press, on non-technical matters. He relieves the Superintendent of much of his routine work and exercises a general supervision over the office of the Superintendent, Government Press.

(*b*) The head clerk is in immediate charge of correspondence and accounts relating to the Government Press.

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" Is it a fact that the Superintendent, Government Press, has also got two Deputy Superintendents to assist him?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:— " I suppose so."

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" If so, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of abolishing the post of Publication Assistant as a measure of retrenchment?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:— " That does not arise."

Motor Vehicles Act

Qualifications of Bus Inspectors.

* 229 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the qualifications prescribed for the holders of the office of Bus Inspectors;

(*b*) the number of Bus Inspectors already appointed in the Presidency and how many out of them are qualified; and

(*c*) the districts for which the appointments have yet to be made?

A.—(*a*) No qualifications have been prescribed.

(*b*) Twenty Inspectors of Motor Vehicles have been appointed for twenty-one districts.

(*c*) Anantapur, Cuddapah, Guntur, Kurnool and Madras City.